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The reference listed in this IDS was first cited in a "Notice of Reasons for Rejection," mailed by the Japanese Patent Office on November 29, 2005 in counterpart Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-166578, which was after the issue fee payment on the present application. A copy of the Notice of Reasons for Rejection is also enclosed.

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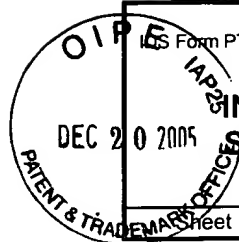
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Respectfully submitted,

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	1	KIM et al., "Enhanced catalytic efficiency of enzymes in organic media with the addition of the solid support: Effect of silica gel on reaction rates and enzyme agglomeration," Journal of Molecular Catalysis B: Enzymatic 2:127-140 (1996).	
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